

FISCAL NOTE

SB 145 – HB 613

April 4, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the state to fund 75% of the instructional positions component for K-3 at-risk students and for English language learners (ELL). The bill would require the state to phase in funding (over three years, beginning with the 2005-06 school year) the implementation of the at-risk class size program, including at-risk teaching positions, and full-time ELL instructional and translator positions.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

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| Increase State Expenditures – | \$26,704,000 FY05-06 |
| | \$27,993,000 FY06-07 |
| | \$34,267,000 FY07-08 |
| Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – | \$737,000 FY05-06* |
| | \$ 9,332,000 FY06-07* |
| | \$11,425,000 FY07-08* |


Assumptions:

- FY05-06: 52.5% of K-3 at-risk students (additional 455.5 positions)
40:1 ELL student-instructor ratio (additional 129 positions)
400:1 ELL student-translator ratio (additional 11 positions)
State Increase = \$26,704,000
Local Increase = \$ 737,000
- FY06-07: 77.7% of K-3 at-risk students (additional 577 positions)
30:1 ELL student-instructor ratio (additional 201 positions)
300:1 ELL student-translator ratio (additional 22 positions)
State Increase = \$27,993,000
Local Increase = \$ 9,332,000
- FY07-08: 100% of K-3 at-risk students (additional 515.5 positions)
20:1 ELL student-instructor ratio (additional 414.5 positions)
200:1 ELL student-translator ratio (additional 44 positions)
State Increase = \$34,267,000
Local Increase = \$11,425,000
- K-3 at-risk, ELL and translator positions were taken out of the *Instructional* component of the BEP, which is calculated at 65% state-share and put into the *Classroom* component of the BEP, which is calculated at 75% state-share.
- Calls for the gradual phase-in of increased funding for at-risk K-3 students, above the existing level of 33.3%.
- Maintains the existing 5 student classroom reduction for teacher positions at 1 teacher for every 15 at-risk students. The traditional classroom is funded at 1 teacher for every 20 students.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a stylized script, followed by "W." and "White".

James W. White, Executive Director